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Sunday hunting debate is back

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

What has traditionally been a treat reserved for archers and gun hunters in Northern Ontario is soon to be enjoyed by some gun hunters south of the French River as well.

On February 17, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced that Sunday gun hunting on Crown lands would be allowed in

select municipalities effective as of September 1, 2006.

In total, some 67 municipalities across Southern Ontario will have Sunday gun hunting, as will all or part of 14 geographic townships near the French River.

Across the southern portion of the province, Sunday gun hunting, traditionally banned because of the Lord's Day Act, is only being

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Ratcliff joins council

After sitting on the
back bench he
moves up to the table

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

For years he's sat in the gallery watching. On Thursday, March 9, Rick Ratcliff will get his chance to sit on Minden Hills council as Ward 1 Councillor.

The Ward 1 seat was left vacant after a long shuffle that eventually saw former Ward 1 Councillor Peter Oyler move into the councillor at large position. (That seat became vacant when Cheryl Murdoch became deputy-reeve after Jim McMahon was named reeve after Ross Rigney's retirement.)

At the most recent meeting of council, in closed session, Minden Hills council decided to recommend Rick Ratcliff as the new councillor to represent Anson, Hindon and Minden. Ratcliff will be appointed and sworn in at a special meeting of council prior to the March 9 committee of the whole meeting.

Of the nine applications that council received, Reeve Jim McMahon is pleased with council's decision in choosing Ratcliff. He specifically admires Ratcliff's dedication in attending meetings as a member of the public.

"In all fairness, Rick hasn't missed many council meetings since amalgamation," says McMahon. "He's sat in on them all and he is up to date on the issues. He's familiar with all the stuff that's discussed in open council."

"He'll be a good asset to council," McMahon added.

Ratcliff, a Snowden/Ward 3 resident on South Lake, retired to the area from Oshawa in 1998 shortly after which he began attending Snowden township meetings. Following amal-



Rick Ratcliff has been appointed to Minden Hills council.

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Meanwhile, if you have any questions about the changes, please do not hesitate to call Joanne Bancroft at 286-1288.

Health services welcomes county donation

"A page is turning in the evolution of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services."

That is the way Dick Charron, chair of the HHHS board of directors greeted the news that the County of Haliburton was contributing \$300,000 towards the health organization's remaining capital debt.

The county's contribution will leave a balance of \$520,000 on the capital debt of the new health care facilities in Minden and Haliburton.

At its February meeting, county council decided to make the one-time donation instead of continuing to pay the interest on the remaining capital debt.

In a press release, HHHS CEO Keith Sansford said the transfer represents an important point in the growth and development of HHHS. "Through the hard work and dedication of the HHHS Foundation and the support of the county, we have been able to substantially reduce the capital debt. The total cost of the new construction and renovations in Minden and Haliburton was \$20 million. In addition to federal and provincial support, the county also provided their guarantee for the capital debt and cov-

ered the interest costs."

"It has been a partnership from even before the ground was turned," Charron said. "The community rallied to the cause, the county government was supportive and the Foundation worked hard. It is a pleasure to see this part of our development nearing completion."

The county has been supportive of health care enhancements in the Highlands and continues to provide important infrastructure, such as the broadband initiative, to serve the health care system.

HHHS expects to be able to retire the capital debt in the next year. This will enable it to concentrate its efforts on ensuring the services that are offered through the facilities are maintained and supported with the best equipment possible.

In addition, the corporation could be adding to its scope of services. "The Foundation is an important part of the ongoing service to the community," Sansford said. "Future growth and the addition of new programs would be very difficult without the support the community shows through the Foundation."

Charron noted there is an ongoing need for new programs and equipment in the health services field including enhancements to information systems and digital diagnostic equipment. "With the capital debt out of the way, we can concentrate our resources on keeping abreast of the latest developments in healthcare technology."

Council is complete

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gation, he began to attend Minden Hills council meetings regularly because, he says, it is a great way to get involved and keep up to date on current issues that affect ratepayers.

As to why he wants to sit on council rather than watch from the gallery, he says he wants to give back to the community.

"I want to put back into the community what I take out," he says. "There is a Winston Churchill quote, 'We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give,' and I think that applies to every aspect of our lives. It's about being a concerned citizen."

When he's not attending council meetings, Ratcliff has also been active with the Minden Food Bank and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. He is also the co-chair and co-founder of the local prostate cancer support group along with former Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

In addition to his community involvement, Ratcliff will bring with him to council more than 30 years of experience as a provincial government civil servant. Most recently, he was the administrative manager of the Ontario Pension Board where he was responsible for a budget of \$8 million.

"I think [my professional background] has given me a lot of experience and knowledge that hopefully will be able to apply here," he says. "But I feel that if I can bring a desire, an aptitude and commitment that reflect the concern and issues of our township, then definitely it will benefit the ratepayers of Minden Hills."

"I hope that I will bring some reasonable judgement to the table," he adds. "We have to be informed on the issues and we have to make sure that whatever we do is fair to the people who are appearing before council and also the bottom line is we have to be fair to our township, and hopefully I can do that."

Ratcliff was planning on running in the upcoming election but decided to apply for the vacant seat now, both for experience and to smooth the less-than-perfect operations of council created by the vacant seat.

"I was going to throw my hat in the ring this fall anyway, but I looked at this as an opportunity that would give me some experience and also a chance to help resolve some of these deadlocks that we seem to be having," he says. "We need a full sitting council; they can't operate with a body missing."

Ratcliff is no stranger to the council or to the township either. In addition to attending most council meetings, Ratcliff's wife, Jane Leavis, is the township's tax collector. While he does acknowledge there could arise conflicts of interest — he offers voting for staff raises as an example — he does not think it is a problem that he is now his wife's boss.

"I think it's actually a bonus," he says. "She would come home and talk about work. Now we have something in common."

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Clay Ives helps give Olympic luge team its power to succeed

by ROSANNE VAN VIERZEN
Times Staff

Clay Ives smiles when he describes how he had to dismantle his silver toolbox piece by piece to prove to Olympic security that it was not a bomb at the Cesana Olympic luge run in Turin, Italy.

One afternoon when the athletes and coaches had left the run, Ives realized he had left his toolbox behind and went back to retrieve it.

He returned to find the run empty — with the exception of heavy security.

"They had cleared out the whole start house and the bomb squad was taking the toolbox apart, scrutinizing it with mirrors, looking for wires," he says. "I can

laugh about it now, but at the time it was pretty intense. In another 15 minutes, they would have detonated it.

"We certainly didn't leave anything else lying around after that," he says, chuckling.

That was one of the many memorable moments from the Torino 2006 Olympics for Ives, an Olympic bronze medallist himself, who hails from Bancroft and works in Minden for HydroOne.

Though he's been to the Olympics three times already as a competitor, this time he was filling out the Canadian roster as an assistant coach.

The Turin track is known as being one of the fastest in the world, and it lived up to its reputation. There were about 20 crashes and a few broken bones.

Returning home two weeks ago after the luge events were completed, Ives says he was happy to be back to work after HydroOne allowed him almost a month away to help the country's athletes train and compete.

"I think I got through to a few kids. I tried to be straight up with the athletes but it was a bit tough to step in and contribute for such a short amount of time," he says. "I think I was able to return a bit of what I

felt was given to me when I was in competition."

Ives says that when the team arrived in the Olympic village, he was initially disappointed with the poor organization displayed, citing even sewage problems. Looking back, he doesn't think the Italians were quite ready for the magnitude of hosting the Olympics.

"A good athlete doesn't let that kind of stuff bother them though," he says. In competition itself, the Canadians fared well, but Ives says athlete Chris Moffat was disappointed with his race results.

Moffat, who came in ninth in luge doubles with brother, Mike, recorded the best Canadian luge results



This was the youngest luge team that Canada has sent to the Olympics. Bronze medallist Clay Ives, at far right, says their youth bodes well for the team's prospects when the games come to Vancouver.

from the Olympics Games.

He was quoted as saying the Turin track was challenging, especially for luge, which sees athletes travel at more than 130 km/h and where injuries are part and parcel to the sport.

Ives says luge has always been a dangerous sport, but when it's done right it's aerodynamic, fast, and clean.

However to get to that point, Ives says it takes more than 10 years of dedication to be able to navigate a luge sled down a hill effectively.

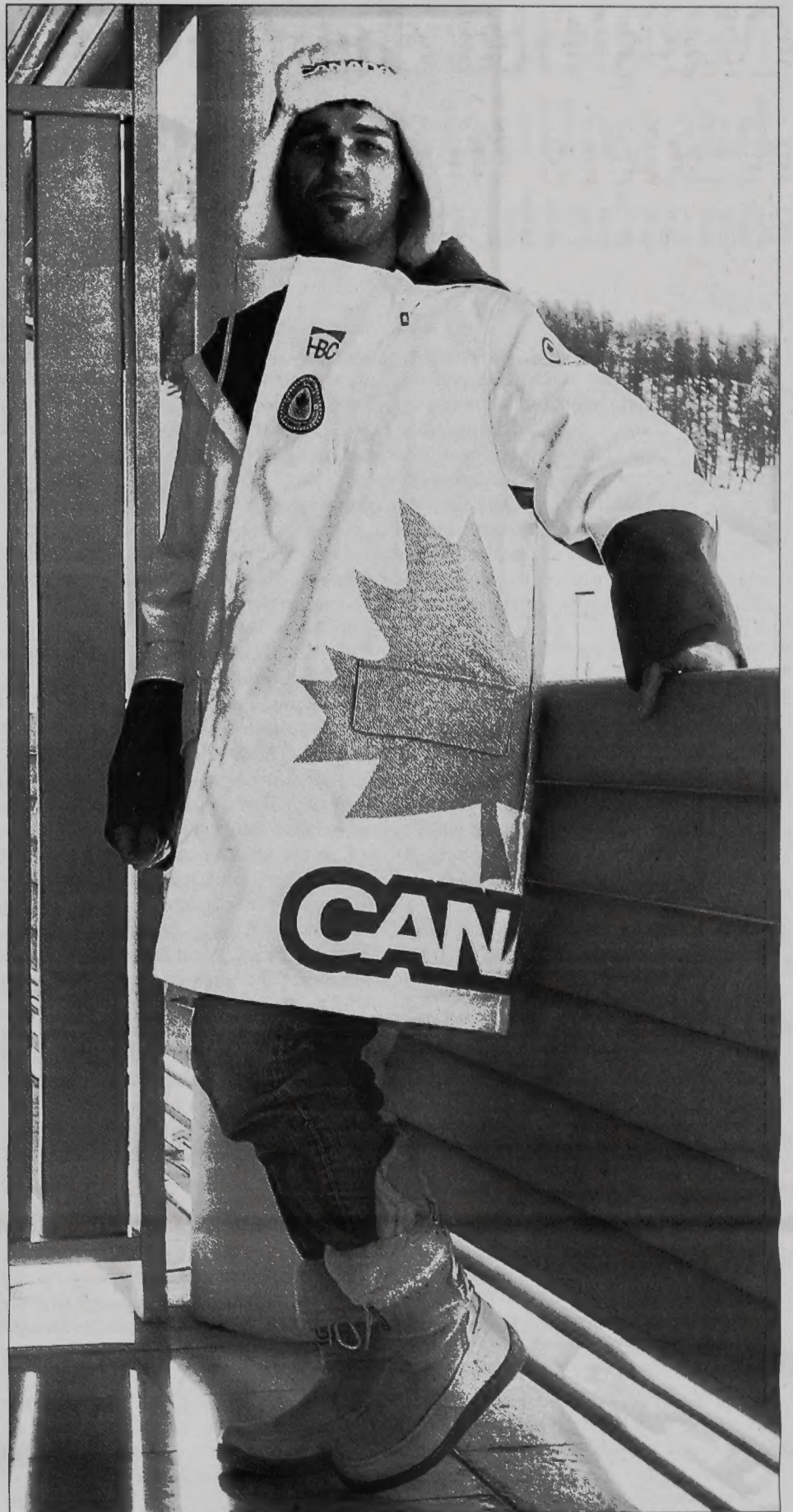
"It's a tough thing to drive," he says.

"I see the fire in a few of the kids and in the next few years I think we can expect to see some of the best results ever in the luge from those few."

Because Canada has been operating with such a young Olympic luge team, they are expected to be in their prime when Vancouver hosts the 2010 Games.

He says that although there has never been a Canadian medal in luge (he won his when he competed for the United States), the athletes are to the point where they can make a big jump with some work on their sleds.

Although he's got different responsibilities



Clay Ives didn't mind the cold of the Italian Alps when he was dressed in his Canadian Olympic team coat and boots.

ties now, Ives knows he can help the Canadian Olympic team make that jump to higher international standings through modifications to Canadian luge sleds.

"I would like to do some sled building," he says. "We're falling behind, not because of our athletes, but because we need to build faster sleds."

Now home and falling back into the rou-

tine of work and a family he loves, Ives reflects on how watching the athletes at the start house brought back good feelings.

"I don't miss the pressure and stress involved but it was thrilling to compete.

I was pretty happy when I was in that moment, but what I've got now — a home in Bancroft, marriage and kids — is much more rewarding," Ives says.

Minden Hills zoning bylaw passes unanimously

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the February 23 meeting of Minden Hills council.

The Minden Hills Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw, which includes such controversial issues as boathouses and the parking of commercial vehicles, has been passed unanimously by council.

Included in the bylaw is the prohibition of new boathouses being built either on shore or set back from the water's edge. Current legally-complying boathouses will be grandfathered and can be renovated.

Also, despite opposition from some

ratepayers, Minden Hills council has decided to allow one commercial vehicle of any size at residential properties in all residential zones, including shoreline residential and in the town of Minden itself.

Lutterworth Pines meeting

Following an impromptu delegation to council, the residents of Lutterworth Pines will have the opportunity to address council in a public forum scheduled for March 30 at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

It was thought council would decide on and impose operational costs to the ratepayers of Lutterworth Pines for their water system, now operated by the township. However, township staff informed council that before any fees or charges can be imposed on ratepayers, a public

meeting requiring 21 days of notice was mandatory.

Water meter readers

The township's Environment and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg had recommended to council that Olametre be contracted for five years to read Minden's new water meters four times a year for an annual cost of \$7,500. His recommendation, made at the most recent meeting of the committee of the whole, was met with a discussion as to whether, with the right equipment, a member of the township's staff could read the metres.

Following a bit of confusion over whether council agreed to forward the recommendation to the council meeting

or not, the issue has been deferred to the next committee of the whole meeting for further discussion.

Ron Buchanan to water trails

Following a presentation by Bill Hutson of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Mark Coles of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trail Network, and at the behest of an invitation to join the Water Trail Network at the most recent meeting of the committee of the whole, Minden Hills council decided that Ward 3 Councillor Ron Buchanan would represent the township at the Water Trails.

Coles talked about the Poker Lakes System in Minden Hills and the possibility of adding those lakes to the Water Trails.

MNR's decision to include Crown land has politicians changing their minds on whether to allow Sunday hunting

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allowed in those municipalities that supported Sunday gun hunting on private lands in the spring of last year. In Haliburton County, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al both approved the MNR proposal to allow Sunday gun hunting on private lands while Minden Hills and Highlands East both voted against it.

In addition to Sunday gun hunting, which is being applied to "all game wildlife with a Sunday open season" such as bear, deer and small game, the MNR is extending the current firearm deer seasons to include the final Sunday of both the six- and 13-day seasons. Traditionally, deer seasons have started on a Monday and ended on a Saturday.

The Sunday gun hunting would not apply to waterfowl, however, because waterfowl management is the responsibility of the Canadian Wildlife Services, a federal agency.

The MNR says, however, that the CWS has expressed an interest in allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting, especially for the nuisance goose populations throughout the province.

Despite the changes, welcomed by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, the MNR's decision to allow Sunday gun hunting on Crown lands has spawned mixed reviews.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who supported the MNR's initial proposal in the spring, says "I'm not so sure our council would have supported [Sunday gun hunting on private land] had we realized it would lead to Crown land as well."

"I doubt that I would have [voted for it] if I'd have known."

She is also critical of the provincial government who, she says, has not adhered to what the municipalities initially supported in the spring.

"When the MNR is going to ask you to approve something, then they need to be specific and they need to stay with what they ask you to approve," she says. "I think that they have now gone way beyond what the municipalities who did support them felt was their mandate. Allowing Sunday gun hunting on Crown lands makes it quite a bit different in scope."

Harrison's main concern now, as it was back in the spring, is the network of public trails — on both water and land — throughout the municipality; much of it on Crown land.

"One of my concerns was that Sunday

was a day when people felt quite comfortable in the forest. Algonquin Highlands is a municipality that has a lot of walking trails, and Sunday has always been a time when people who wanted to walk can say 'Well, there are no hunters out today so we can go out for a walk.'"

While the MNR's decision to expand Sunday gun hunting throughout the province may have caused Harrison to rethink her support for the private lands proposal, it has caused doubt on the other side of the debate as well.

Minden Hills Councillor Clayton Cameron, a who voted against Sunday gun hunting in Minden Hills last spring, says he might change his mind now that it also applies to Crown lands as well. Initially, he was concerned that only allowing Sunday gun hunting on private lands would create enforcement problems as well as confusion for hunters.

Last spring, Cameron said, "I feel that with 70 per cent Crown land, we'd only be allowing it on a small amount of property...so with very few spots allowed, how do you enforce it happening here but not there? If it's not on Crown land, then why on private?"

This week, he said, "Now that they are going to open it up for hunting on Crown land, then you don't have that differentiation between the two like we had before."

"Although I wouldn't hunt on Sunday, it makes a big difference to the way I thought on it. My position may change on the argument that was presented."

Minden Hills Councillor Ron Buchanan, one of only two supporters of Sunday gun hunting last spring (along with former Reeve Ross Rigney), says his vote would still be the same even now that Sunday gun hunting would apply to Crown lands as well as private lands.

"Most people don't have time for hunting anymore. If they can afford to hunt on Sunday, perfect," Buchanan says.

"It's a heritage that we would hate to lose. I'm sorry to say that the next generation of kids won't have the time to hunt and they are losing it. But just by extending it to Sunday doesn't make any difference. You'll still find most people will clear out on Saturday anyway. But for the people who can afford the time to hunt on Sunday, why not? That is their leisure time. Any hunter that would hunt on a Sunday would be an ardent hunter, a guy that lives and breaths hunting, and I'm afraid there aren't too many of them left anymore."

At present, the MNR says it will consider making changes to the list of munic-

ipalities where Sunday gun hunting is allowed as time goes by and as conditions warrant.

Keith Hodgson, president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, is pleased with the MNR's decision. He and Kim Roberts encouraged each municipal council to pass the private lands Sunday gun hunt MNR proposal.

"I personally don't have time to hunt deer on Sunday," says Hodgson. "But I know of some people who will really benefit from it."

Hodgson also believes hunters should approach councillors of both Minden Hills and Highlands East and ask them to table the issue again.

"I encourage the hunters in the two areas to stop and talk to councillors. There is no reason it shouldn't be all over the county," he says. "The majority of opposition looked at it as a hunting opportunity, but public safety played a big part of the proposal. I personally feel that councillors didn't look at it as a public safety issue."

And public safety is one of the three reasons the MNR is allowing Sunday gun hunting in Southern Ontario.

"We believe these expanded hunting opportunities will help address concerns about vehicle-wildlife collisions and crop damage caused by burgeoning wildlife populations in some areas in Ontario," says Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "They will also provide an economic boost for communities."

And while crop damage may not be a real concern in Haliburton County, vehicle-wildlife collisions are on the rise, here and elsewhere in the province. In 2001, wild animals were involved in 10,600 auto collisions that resulted in 490 injuries and four fatalities.

Also, an indirect admission of the exploding deer population in the area is the increased number of doe tags given to hunters. In Wildlife Management Unit 56 (within which is the township of Minden Hills) in 2004, only 1,200 antlerless deer tags were issued to the 2,032 hunters who applied for one. In 2005, the MNR issued 2,000 tags for WMU 56. Likewise, in WMU 54, within which is Algonquin Highlands, doe tags given out to hunters increased from 1,200 to 1,500. However, only 1,283 hunters selected WMU 54 as their first choice for a doe tag.

For more information on the Sunday gun hunting decision, visit www.ene.gov.on.ca/samples/search and enter RB05E6807 as the Registry Number.

Hunters fined for several offences

Four men have been fined \$5,600 following a series of hunting violations including hunting deer without a licence.

Shawn Auld, 30 of Port Perry, has been fined \$3,500 and Raffaele Farano, 50, of Toronto, has been fined \$1,500.

Lawrence Leblanc, 38, of Scarborough, and Grant Williams, 28, of Millbrook, have been fined \$300 each.

Court was told that on December 15, 2005, a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer checked Auld and Farano while they were archery hunting for white-tailed deer in Galway Township. Auld had a deer seal belonging to Williams. Farano had shot an antlerless deer even though neither man had a licence to do so. Further investigation showed that five days earlier Auld shot an antlerless deer without a licence. He tagged the deer with a seal belonging to Leblanc, who was not there.

Both deer were seized and the meat donated to local needy families.

Illegal hunt camp

The discovery of an illegal hunt camp in the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park has landed two men with fines of \$1,000 each.

Steven Wilcox, 45, of Haliburton and Glen Walker, 63, of Peterborough, were convicted of illegally occupying lands in the park.

Court heard the camp, which had been in existence for some time, was recently discovered by Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer.

In addition to the fines, the two men dismantled and removed the camp from the park at their own expense before the court appearance.

The cases were heard before Justice of the Peace Mike O'Toole in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on February 9.

Hunting without licence

Two Haliburton area men have been fined \$1,500 each and banned from hunting for a year after pleading guilty to hunting moose without a licence and possessing illegally killed wildlife.

Court heard that Norman Daultrey, 49, and Robert Fraser, 45, harvested two moose during the one-week moose hunting season in Wildlife Management Unit 56.

Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers from Minden were assisted by the ministry's canine unit with the investigation on October 21, 2005.

Justice of the Peace Jack Wiley heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on February 2.

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Hyland Crest resident Lilian Harrison, left, was one of hundreds who was given a piece of birthday cake (in this case, by Health Care Auxiliary Member Susan Unger) to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Let them eat cake: HHHS celebrates

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

In what was one of many celebrations, cake was delivered to all patients, residents, staff and physicians at the Minden healthcare facility by Halibur-

ton Highlands Health Services board members, auxiliary members and managers.

The same was done at the Haliburton Hospital last Friday.

The occasion was the 10th anniversary of HHHS, which brought together a variety of

healthcare services and put them under the mandate of a local board and administrative team.

A dinner for past board members was also held last Thursday night at the Delta Pinestone.

Downloading is 'slaughtering' local governments

by **LANCE CROSSLEY**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports from the February 15 meeting of county council.

After council passed its challenging 2006 budget, Warden Murray Fearrey said, "The downloading is absolutely slaughtering municipalities."

Council approved a \$10.7 million net budget, an increase of \$2.6 million from last year. The shortfall will likely be bridged through a combination of tax increases and bank loans, although no final decisions will be made until the province announces its budget in early spring. Councillors are hoping to receive some additional help from the province.

Official Plan

Planner Jane Tousaw was happy to see that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing reconsidered its original modifications to the county's official plan regarding development on highly sensitive lake trout lakes.

The county believed the modifications would have created unnecessary complications for development applications on

lake trout lakes that are deemed to be at capacity.

Waste Management

The county has short-listed three of the seven submissions it received to provide consulting services for the county's waste management project: Jacques Whitford Limited, TSH Engineers, and Urban and Environmental Management Inc..

Councillors have budgeted \$100,000 in 2006 for the engineering services and all the proposals have come in below the budgeted amount. Because the short list is so competitive, the final few candidates will appear in council chambers to be interviewed and evaluated by the councillors themselves.

Fearrey felt the interviews would be important because of the large scale of the project, which will likely take several years to complete. "This is only the opening of the gate here, so I think all councillors should listen to their presentations and get a sense of their personalities."

The county is looking for a strategy that will carry it through the next 25 years, as well as identify a possible site(s) for a central recycling transfer station.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Let hunters hunt on Sundays

It was only in 1982 that Sunday shopping was allowed in Canada. In an epic Supreme Court case, the Big M Drug Mart fought for and won the right to be open for business on Sunday. It was only because of the newly adopted Charter of Rights and Freedoms that religious discrimination could be interpreted in such a way.

The court ruled that the purpose of the Lord's Day Act, to protect the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath, compelled all Canadians (including non-Christian Canadians) to observe a Christian belief. This, rightly so, was found to be discriminatory and the Act was wiped away.

How unfair then that, for the past 23 years, shoppers can shop and drop seven days a week but hunters remain under the oppressive shroud of a legally invalid law, rooted in pseudo-pagan "puritan" traditions.

Others have and will argue that the opposition to Sunday gun hunting is more than protecting the Sabbath. Opponents charge they want to be free of hearing gunshots at least one day of the week and/or they want to be able to go walking in the woods at least one day a week.

Both, although common, are poorly reasoned arguments. The first, no gunshots on Sunday, is risible. During the season, when hunters aren't hunting on Sundays, many can be found at gravel pits all over the county sighting in their firearms, expending entire boxes of ammunition for target and sport. Banning Sunday gun hunting is not the answer to shooting on Sunday. That would be a "no-shooting law," and without a modicum of proof that public safety is in jeopardy (no more than any other day of the week), a "no Sunday shooting law" would never fly for the Supreme Court.

The second, equally common argument against Sunday gun hunting does concern public safety and, in this, it is a slightly more valid argument. However, to imply that hikers' lives are in jeopardy whenever they leave their homes in hunting season is offensive. Hunters as a demographic are very capable, very responsible people who are extremely safe and knowledgeable about their sport. Hunters can distinguish between deer bucks and does, moose cows and calves, black ducks and mallards. To imply they can't recognize a human being, or distinguish one from a deer or bear or whatever is absurd. It exhibits a complete lack of understanding of hunting practices.

But accidents do happen, as is evidenced by the non-fatal shooting earlier this month of Harry Whittington by US Vice-President Dick Cheney. Firstly, it is important to note that Whittington himself acknowledges that he did not alert the hunters to his presence, having left the hunting party only to rejoin unannounced a few hours later. From a hunter's point of view, making sure you are in a safe spot is equally important as making sure there is a safe shooting lane, especially when hunting on a game farm with a relatively large group. Also, just to point out, Whittington was shot on a Saturday, proving that accidents can happen any day of the week. Caution and care must be taken by all users of the forests at all times.

As for the Lord's Day Act, as Canada becomes more ethnically diverse with each passing minute, and Christianity fades as the uber-religion in Canada, it is only fitting that all remaining institutionalized religious practices be done away with. Let people who want to worship a deity do so on their own time. Not at the expense of shoppers and certainly not at hunters'.

— Bryn Weese

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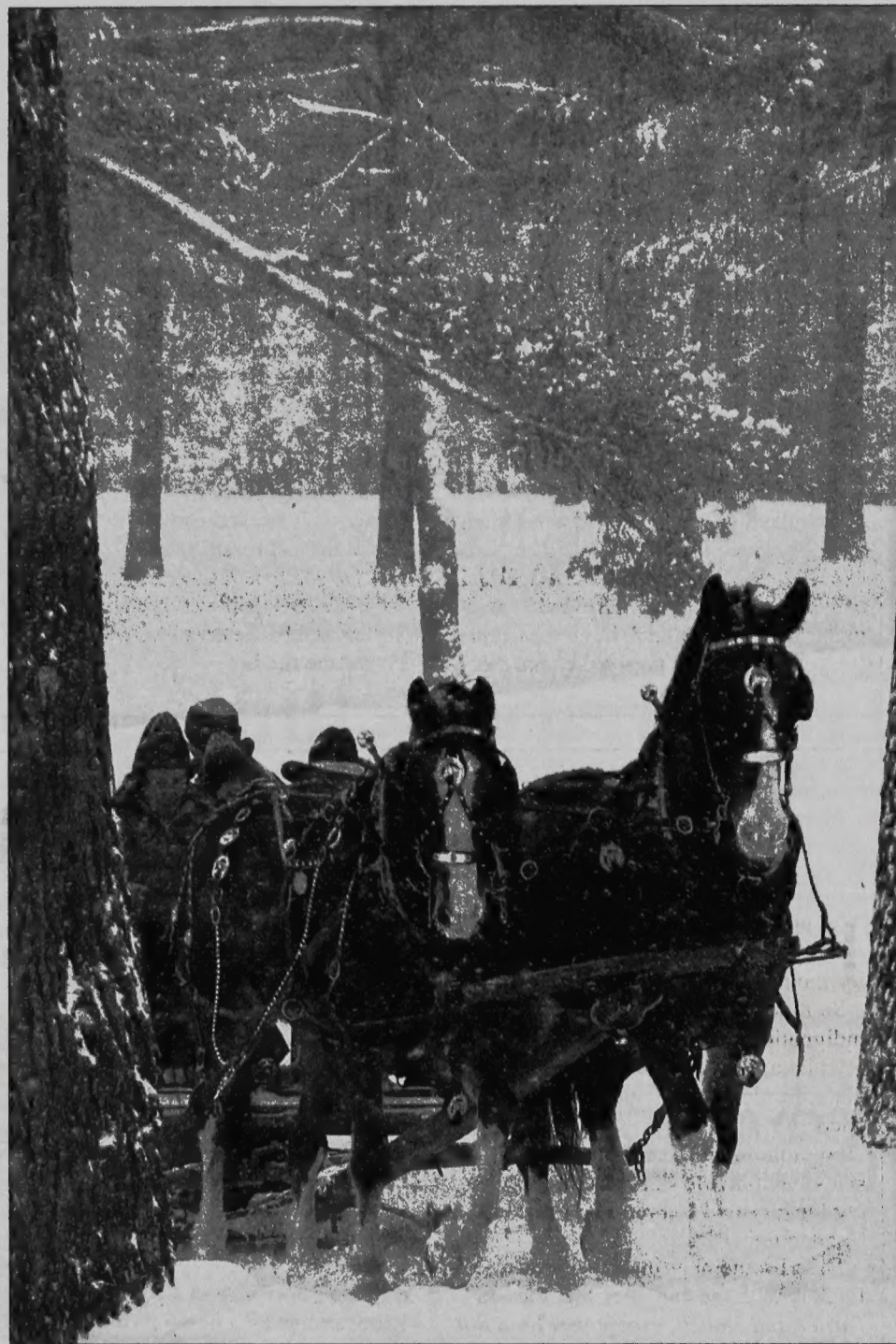
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Sleigh bells ring.

Darren Lum/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Councillors should help build park, not say 'blah, blah, blah'

To the Editor:

My name is Megan; I am eight years old. I have been a part of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee since I was six. I have gone to almost all the meetings. I have been to the meetings where we go to City Hall. I have helped at the fundraisers by washing cars, help selling things at the yard sales, selling chicken and other fundraising stuff.

I really want this skateboard park because I cannot ride my bike in the house, I cannot rollerblade in the house; they make scuff marks. I cannot scooter in the house and I cannot play basketball in the house! I cannot even do a lot of that stuff outside because we live on a hill and there is nowhere flat and smooth to ride.

If we had a skateboard park I would totally ride my roller blades and bike. I

would learn how to do tricks. Every day I could practise and practise and get really, really good at it. My friends would be there and they could help me to learn to do tricks.

I sometimes feel like we won't get a skateboard park but I don't understand why because the one in Madoc only took a little while and ours is taking more than two years. We went and saw the skateboard park in Madoc and it was cool.

I hope that we get a skateboard park because we have been wanting for one for so long. I feel the City of Kawartha Lakes council should be helping us, not saying, "We won't help you, blah blah blah." I hope that the City helps and we can get a skateboard park.

Megan Dier
Kinmount

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Bahhhhd news from the Sudan

This morning a friend of mine e-mailed a news story to me about a man in the Sudan who was forced to marry a goat. This just goes to show you the kind of friends I have.

Naturally I was horrified. Who would have thought that arranged marriages still exist in this day and age?

I won't go into too much detail here. Suffice it to say it was one of those boy meets goat stories that you hear so much about on the Internet. Word is they started as pen pals. Next thing you know, the milking got out of hand and before you know it they woke up next to each other in the stall.

Apparently, the farmer who owned the goat walked into his barnyard at midnight and discovered the tryst. He said he never expected this to happen – I mean, getting caught walking into the barnyard at midnight. As for the animal, he conceded that the goat had a great personality and the

legs of a dancer but she was not nearly as attractive as the pig.

At this point, he did what any self-respecting Sudanese farmer would do – he vowed never to eat curried goat again. Then he took the man before the council of elders. They, in their infinite wisdom, promptly decreed that the suitor must do the right thing and marry the goat. Otherwise, he'd run the very real risk of implicating himself in the centre of an embarrassing scandal.

I'm guessing that the man wasn't too keen on this at first – I mean, why buy the goat when you can get the milk for free? And, let's not forget we're talking about a bachelor who obviously played the fields.

To his credit, however, he did end up making an honest nanny out of her. I'm told it was a small yet dignified ceremony. And, call me a hopeless romantic, but I'd like to think that things are going to work out just fine for the happy couple. But that, I suppose, depends on whether he's finally settled down and sowed his wild oats.

Still, a part of me can't help but worry about the newlyweds. Marriage is a big step that should not be taken lightly. They're young and they come from two different worlds. And it's no secret that he's already spent too

much time on the wrong side of the tracks. The best we can hope for is that they'll have a stable relationship. Like all newlyweds, they'll probably butt heads right

from the start. Some say that she'll eat him out of house and home – starting at the baseboards.

Of course, there are also those judgmental people who are upset that she didn't save herself for marriage. A few have even suggested that it was wrong for her to walk down the aisle in a white dress. Or eat the bouquet. These same people say she should have married her own kind.

The truth is, what we think doesn't matter. What matters is the level of love and commitment that the newlyweds are willing to give to each other. At last report the couple was dreaming of greener pastures and possibly planning for the future. And while I sincerely wish them all the happiness in the world, I urge them not to start a family.

Sad as it might seem, there's no denying it. In this type of mixed marriage, the kids always suffer.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Lucky horseshoe

If jumping to conclusions were an Olympic sport, I'd bring home all the medals.

So it is with a burst of righteous indignation that I leap into the cab of my pickup truck. Follow that licence plate, I order myself, and I obey at once.

For a moment there, I am Gene Hackman playing Popeye Doyle, chasing the elevated train in *The French Connection*.

Then I remember that The Brown Dog Jiggs is with me and after that I am in *Turner and Hooch*, except that I am not nearly as charming as Tom Hanks and Jiggs has never dined on the upholstery.

The object of our pursuit is a white SUV bearing the licence plate ELSIE LK. ELSIE LK is parked beside my truck outside the hardware store; by the end of our chase, we are side-by-side again in the mini-mall next door.

After a frantic store-to-store search, I finally catch up with the perps. Ed and Marlene Pilcher are buying kibble in a pet food store.

What, I ask them, are you doing with the licence plate ELSIE LK?

No case is too trivial for this detective!

I have wondered about Elsie Lake for almost all of the 30 years I have been on Sapsucker Ridge. All of those years I wondered who took a perfectly nice lake name drenched in local history and

turned it into just another Horseshoe?

I suspected developers, but then I always suspect developers of everything.

It turns out the licence plate belongs not to the Pilchers, but to their daughter, who feels sentimental about the lake she grew up beside.

I will return to Jeanette Gilbert eventually, and to two Sam Gilberts, but first I must recant.

There never was an Elsie Lake, except as a figment of some government clerk's imagination. There were no evil developers; so much for righteous indignation.

Horseshoe Lake was Horseshoe from the arrival of the first settlers; it is described by that name in an 1864 travel journal called *Up The Muskoka and Down The Trent*.

Modern government records show Horseshoe going back at least to 1859. In 1930, mapmakers found that Horseshoe was a duplicate name, which was against federal policy, and so it became Horseman Lake, which sounded close enough for government work.

Horseman had nothing much to do with anything and there was an Elsie Post Office and an Elsie School nearby,

so in 1939 it became Elsie Lake. By 1962, duplication was no longer forbidden and the lake became Horseshoe again.

Except it never really stopped being Horseshoe anywhere except on government maps and in the Pilchers' memories, or such is the new conclusion I have jumped to after talking to almost every Minden resident old enough to remember.

It was always Horseshoe for Pat Woodcroft, who began coming to the lake with her parents when she was a toddler

almost 70 years ago. Even Marlene Pilcher's big sister, Mary Cowan, can think of it only as Horseshoe.

Name changes are nothing new for Haliburton County. Sharon Lake once was Mud Lake. Nun Ge Low E Nee Goo Mark became Lake of Bays, for which everyone in Dorset is grateful.

Bear Lake turned into Glamour Lake because locals feared a hint of ursine would frighten off the tourists. There were too many Pine Lakes and so some of them became, variously, Percy, Little Percy, Minnicock, Plastic, Hadlington and Silent.

Kashagawigamog and Kushog, which

mean approximately the same thing (Kashagawigamog: Lake of Long and Winding Waters; Kushog: Long and Narrow) were once used interchangeably as names of the two lakes.

And both lakes once were known as Stretchers Lake, according to an excellent monograph prepared by Trent University bioregionalism student Elinor Whidden in 1998 for Stanhope Museum. (Her paper actually says Stretckers in one case, but I take that to be a typographical error.)

I am reluctant to let my Elsie Lake conspiracy theory go, even in the face of facts. There was the school and the post office, which lasted until 1946, even an Elsie Creek somewhere in the county.

And there is young Sam Gilbert, who brings the Elsie story full circle. It was another Sam Gilbert who named the post office for his infant daughter back in 1887.

Jeanette Pilcher married his great grandson, Daryl. Elsie, who married and raised a family in Orillia, would be Daryl's great aunt.

That would also make the young Sam great-great-grandson of the old postmaster, though Jeanette had never heard of the first Sam when she named her son.

Young Sam lives now beside the lake and so the Elsie thread survives.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Kinmount needs a skateboard park

The following letter was first sent to the City of Kawartha Lakes.

To Mayor Kelly and Council Members:

I am writing to you to seriously think about Kinmount having the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park. If you were to drive through Kinmount you probably would see kids hanging

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

out. We live in a small town that really has nothing for them to do in the summer. This town needs something for them to do. Many of them already skateboard, and in a town that lacks paved surfaces the only place for them

is the street. These kids will skateboard where ever they find suitable and the streets are not safe, you can see our concern.

We as a group have been fund raising for almost two years now, and have raised over \$16,000 to go towards equipment. All we ask is that the city of Kawartha Lakes let us use city property so that we can eliminate the cost of insurance.

My name is David Chapman. This park is to be named after my son Shaun. This park is a legacy to him and for this reason I also believe the kids of this town will respect the property and equipment.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

David Chapman
Kinmount



Steve Hudak, who is teaching a sculpture course at Fleming College in Haliburton, spent an afternoon at the gallery sharing his skills with attentive students. The theme of the elective was Roman art.

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When in the gallery, create like the Romans

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Curator, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Here's how it all began...

Archie Stouffer Elementary School has incorporated winter electives for a few years now. In February, for four Friday afternoons, students from Grades 1 to 8 participated in activities from skating to photography to guitar lesson or yoga.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery's mandate is to offer educational programming for its community. It also aims to work with the schools in the area to aid them with their curriculum requirements for the arts. The idea of working together with ASES elective program made sense. I felt the gallery could put together something for the arts category. In speaking with Ann MacDonald, a Grade 3 teacher, we got the idea rolling.

Contacting Jenn Wanless-Craig from (k)ave Gallery, in Tory Hill, was the next

step. Jenn had expressed a wish to work with the gallery and her experience with other public art galleries was impressive. She came up with the entire theme and art activities.

The elective she proposed was a Roman theme – mosaics, Roman busts, architecture and mythology. Jenn brought in professional artists to teach: Steve Hudak, presently teaching the 14-week sculptural certificate course at the Haliburton School of the Arts, and Judy Breau, a mosaic artist from the Haliburton Studio Tour.

When the elective was offered to the students we were not sure how it would be accepted. We were very pleased, and a bit overwhelmed, with 36 students.

Jenn divided the students into three parts and on each Friday rotated them through the sections of activities. Each student made a mosaic, a clay bust, discussed different kinds of Roman architecture and created Roman columns and, best of all, learned about Roman mythology. They

picked their favourite god or goddess and dressed up in togas and Roman paraphernalia to be photographed.

It was amazing it is to be involved in this. The incredible skill the artists teaching this workshop have is something few would be able to see, let alone have 12 hours of devoted time. But witnessing the response from the students as they intently watched Steve fashion a face out of clay, or their excitement of working with colourful glass in creating their own design was beyond words. As a child, I would have so enjoyed such an opportunity.

Three of the four Friday are finished and the feedback has been good – apparently it is 'very cool'. All of the work produced by the kids will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the month of March. The opening reception is Sat., March 4 at 2 p.m. with everyone invited. A special thanks to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation for funding the elective and exhibition.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Reg. 244/02 under the Municipal Act, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider and pass by-laws at its Regular Meeting on March 30, 2006 to be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden to establish fees for:

1. Water usage in the Village of Minden
2. Sewer usage in the Village of Minden
3. Water usage in the Community of Lutterworth Pines

Prior to passing the by-laws, a Public Meeting will be held at which any person may make a presentation to Council. Presentations regarding the Lutterworth Pines Water System will be heard at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to the day of the Public Meeting, information will be available, at no charge, at the municipal office regarding the estimated cost of providing the water and sewer services and the amounts of the proposed fees.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 291 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, that at their Regular Meeting on March 30, 2006, starting at 3:00 p.m., Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills intends to discuss and adopt the 2006 budget for the Minden Water System, Minden Sewer System and the Minden Hills Cemetery Board.

Novices win the Lobster Cup

by BERNIE UPTON
Special to The Times

On Saturday, February 25 the Highland Storm Novices, sponsored by Churko Electric and GJ Burtch Construction, travelled to Campbellford for Game 5 of the Eastern Ontario Championships. With the Storm leading the series three games to one, they knew that one more win would clinch the championship.

The Storm got off to a good start with Braydin Hollows scoring six minutes into the game assisted by Braden Roberts and Devon Upton. Not to be denied, Campbellford tied the game up two minutes later and that is how the first period ended.

Campbellford came out smoking in the second period scoring two minutes in and dominated most of the play. They added another goal with five minutes left in the period to take a 3-1 lead. If it wasn't for

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the stellar goaltending by Logan Churko and great defensive play by Owen Flood, Joel Fedeski, Connor Gadway and Curtis Ballantyne the score could have been much worse.

The Storm fought back with a goal late in the period. It was Hollows notching his second of the game assisted by Upton and William Stephenson.

The boys entered the break down 3-2 and got a few kind words from the coaches trying to rally the boys to victory. The third period saw the Storm playing much better with a great forecheck going but it was Campbellford who scored first

to take a 4-2 lead. The boys were down to eight minutes to play but with a never-say-die attitude the Storm kept plugging away and it was Flood who started the scoring on a nice shot from the point assisted by Blake Wood. This seemed to spark the troops and it was Upton who tied the score on a breakaway with a nice pass from Ballantyne and Roberts.

The Cardiac Kids kept up the hard work and with 1:33 left on the clock, Bishop got a breakaway and scored the biggest goal of his career to date. Campbellford pulled their goalie and had a good chance to score

but Churko held the fort and this enabled Upton to score his second of the game assisted by Ballantyne into an empty net. With that the crowd went into a frenzy and the Storm had secured the championship.

This was a hard-fought series and a great effort from both teams and it is a shame that there had to be a loser.

Special thanks go out to all the parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and fans in general who made the trip to Campbellford on a nasty day and made the game feel like a home game to the boys. It is a day that soon won't be forgotten.

Highland Storm Playoff Schedule

Tykes Tri-County Championships

Game 1 - March 4 at the Glen Dart; 6 p.m. Haliburton
Game 2 - March 12 at Cannington 6:30 p.m.
Game 3 - March 16 at Cannington 7 p.m.
Game 4 - March 19 at Minden 10 a.m.
Game 5 - March 26 at Minden 10 a.m.

Atom AE semi-finals

Sun Feb 26 2:30 p.m. in Lakefield
Sat. Mar 4 5 p.m. in Minden
Sun. Mar. 5 2:30 p.m. in Lakefield
Sat Mar 11 5:30 p.m. in Minden
Sun Mar. 12 2:30 p.m. in Lakefield
Tues. Mar 14 6:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Midget AE schedule (tentative) semi-finals

Sat Mar 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Minden
Sun Mar 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Sundridge
Fri Mar 10 at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton
Sat Mar 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Burks Falls
Sun. Mar 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Haliburton

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Mar 4 3:40 p.m. at Tavistock
Mar 5 12:30 p.m. at Tavistock
Mar 10 7:00 p.m. at Haliburton
Mar. 11 2:30 p.m. at Minden
Mar. 12 2:00pm p.m. at Tavistock
Mar. 14 6:30 p.m. at Minden



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Atoms come together as a team to advance to semi-finals

by WADE MACINNES
Special to The Times

Funk and Wagnall's definition of team is "a group of people working, playing or competing together to achieve a common goal". This describes our little Highland Storm team to a tee. They use each other so well that it is hard to believe that they are only 10 years old. The boys are peaking at the most important time of the year, the playdowns. Most small town hockey teams usually have one forward line that their team depends on for scoring goals. The Storm has three and on any given night, are all a definite threat to score.

So far the Storm have eliminated the Campbellford Colts in a three-game preliminary sweep and the Schomberg Red Wings three games to one in the quarter-finals.

The Storm Atoms have outscored their opponents 52-19 in only seven games. The "punch line" of Tanner Ballantyne, Jordan Howe and Jacob Harrison scored 20 goals; the "crunch line" of Nicky Hunter, Stewart Chaulk and Kris Calvert scored 16 and the "tic-tac-toe line" of

Submitted/Special to The Times



Tanner Hamilton, Donovan MacInnes and Taylor Rowbotham bagged an even dozen. The Storm defensive corps of Zach Boice, Drew Hewitt, Mike Nelson and Ben Hicks chipped in four more to make 52. The solid defence combined with the awesome goal tending of the "Moose" Mitch Byers held the opposing teams to 19 goals in seven games, keeping the G.A.A. to about 2.5.

The veteran coaching staff of Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe, John Ballantyne and Barry Boice are excited as their team gears up for the all Ontario semi-finals.

Winning the Woodville Atom tournament, the Wasaga Beach Silverstick regional and the Peterborough Liftlock tourney and being "A" finalist in their home tourney were

all great but nothing compares to the adrenaline rush of playoff hockey. Ask any true Canadian what their favourite time of year is and you should be told "the N.H.L. playoffs". For big Dean and his wicked little team, this is their playoffs and a chance to go to the big show, "the all-Ontario championship".

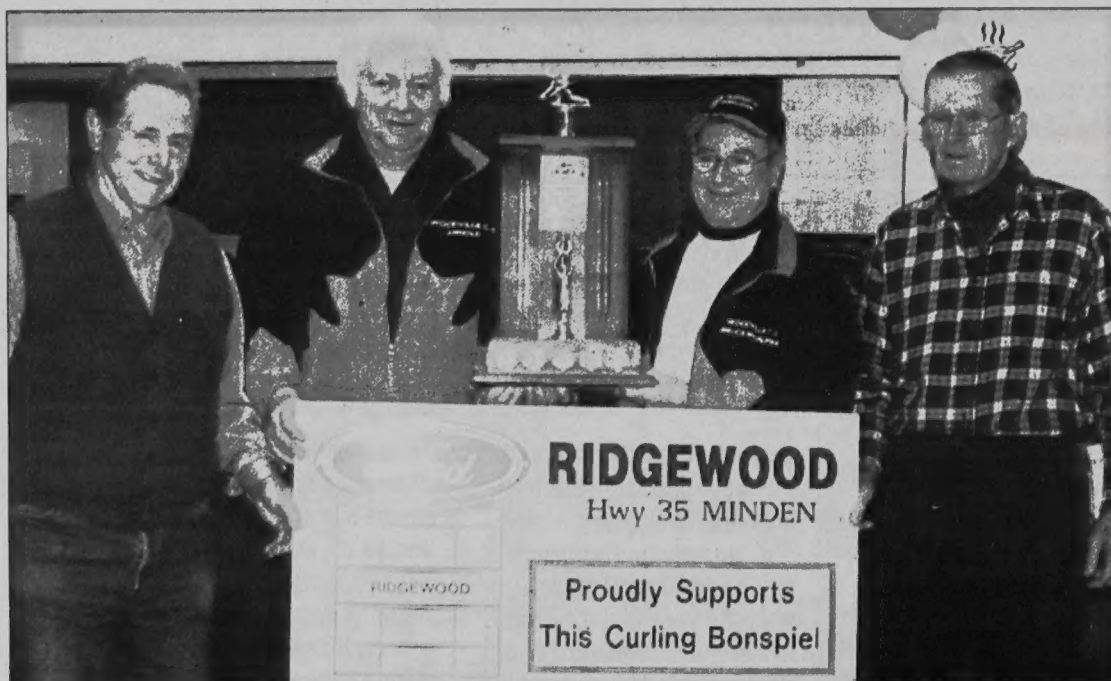
Standing in their way are the Tavistock Titans who should be the Storm's toughest test to date. Check local papers and tune in to the Canoe and Moose radio stations for upcoming home games. Come on out and support our young hockey players and cheer them on to victory!! You might even see Pat or Wayne lurking in the crowd looking for answers and if they are there they will find them.

12th annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel won by rink from Woodville

On February 14, 64 curlers from Bancroft, Beaverton, Bobcaygeon, Bracebridge, Haliburton, Huntsville, Lindsay, Orillia and Woodville converged on the Minden Curling Club for the 12th annual Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel.

This event, comprising 16 teams, generated camaraderie among the curlers who experienced some keen competition and, between games, enjoyed a home-cooked dinner prepared and served by club volunteers.

At the end of the day, the team from Woodville took the overall trophy. The team, skipped by Joe Willemse,



The Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel, held every year at the Minden Curling Club, is one of the premiere events in the men's circuit. This year the trophy was won by the Woodville team skipped by Joe Willemse.

with Arnold Patterson, vice, Bruce McAlpine, second, and lead Bill Eale, overcame some stiff competition to win this prestigious event.

Second place overall went to the Lindsay team of skip Jack Debois, vice Doug Scott, second John Bennett and

lead Ron Fevang

The third place team overall, and winner of the first draw, was the Haliburton team of skip Del Watson, vice Tom Parish, second Wes Lytle and lead Brian Murison.

The two winners of the 1949 Ford Convertible replica were Bruce White from the South Muskoka Club and Nelson Ham from Bobcaygeon.

The Minden Curling Club would like to thank Larry Moynes and Ridgewood Ford for their continued support of this spiel which is one of the premiere events of the Senior Men's Bonspiel circuit.



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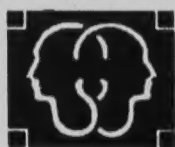
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Elaine Searle of West Guilford lines up her shot.



Good cause for a laugh

When you bring a bunch of people together for a good cause, and tell them they can dress up in their favourite country gear, they are bound to have a fun time. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake at Minden Lanes on Saturday was a time of laughter. But the association is really smiling – the event raised more than \$9,500. Sheila Shaw from Minden Home Hardware won a karaoke machine for having the most pledges (more than \$1,000). Above, Bonnie Roe impresses Barry Tigert with her rooster impersonation.

Carnarvon Bowling League

Tuesday Afternoon, February 21
 High Average: Ken Thompson 212; Lillian Mattsson 177
 High Single: Chris Hill 226; Kay Morrison 199
 High Single HC: Chris Hill 256; Kay Morrison 274
 High Triple: Chris Hill 621; Lois Finlay 510
 High Triple HC: Chris Hill 711; Lois Finlay 702
Tuesday Night, February 21
 High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Marlene Robinson 200
 High Single: Charlie Robb 234; Marlene Robinson 228
 High Single HC: Charlie Robb 288; Arla Pollard 294
 High Triple: Ken Thompson 601; Marlene Robinson 564
 High Triple HC: Charlie Robb 753; Arla Pollard 742

Wednesday Afternoon, February 22
 High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Carol Snow 172
 High Single: John Pugh 247; Jean Pugh 214
 High Single HC: John Pugh 281; Jean Pugh 273
 High Triple: Ken Thompson 665; Carol Snow 570
 High Triple HC: John Pugh 710; Carol Snow 702
Thursday Afternoon, February 23
 High Average: Ken Thompson 215; Shirley Webb & Josie Cheesman (tie) 167
 High Single: Ken Thompson 360; Laura Carnegie 238
 High Single HC: Bob Webb 289; Laura Carnegie 272
 High Triple: Ken Thompson 766; Pearl Foster and Betty Henderson (tie) 589
 High Triple HC: Vern Chilton 694; Betty Henderson 739

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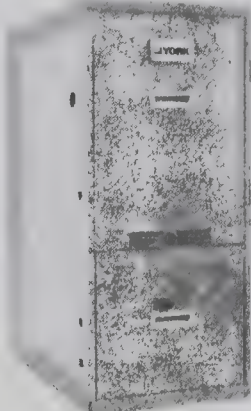


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Fun, wow!

Saturday night may have been chilly but everyone at Minden's Family Fun Night had a blisteringly hot time, hanging with Sparky the fire dog, catching a sleigh ride and tobogganing. Photos, Darren Lum.





What do you do if it's minus 10 and the snow refuses to stop falling? You get outside and enjoy it. Kinmount Winterfest organizers helped people banish the February blahs when they invited the community to the fairgrounds for a little fun and games. A hockey game between parents and kids saw the goalies take some heat in the natural ice arena. Avyn Thurston-Lycette, 22 months, and her grandmother Nancy Thurston snuggled up to keep warm while dad Waryn Lycette played hockey. Amelia Austin, two, chomped down on a hotdog (avoiding the offer of "suicide" chili.) Ralph and Gerard Pearson took everyone out for a winter wonderland sleigh ride. Kayla Shore took a turn at snowboarding. Michelle Weiler's aim was true when she took on her brother Jacob in a nail-driving contest.

Photos, Martha Perkins

Kinmount beats the blahs





S. Deschamps/Special to The Times

James Crocock and his nephew Benjamin set out for a family ride with fellow sledders from the Stanhope Firefighters Hall on February 18 to raise money for prostate cancer.

Snow Ride of Hope raises \$11,000 for prostate cancer research

Forty-six snowmobile enthusiasts, from as far away as Windsor in the west to Ottawa in the east, braved snow squall warnings and minus-20° temperatures to partici-

pate in the first annual Snow Ride of Hope.

The ride, which raised money for the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada, was followed by a hot lunch and prizes were awarded to all.

Organizers Steve Hutton and Sherri Deschamps were ecstatic to discover that more than \$11,000 was raised for the cause.

"It is truly wonderful to see so many people getting involved," says Deschamps. "There is a desperate need to bring funding and awareness for prostate cancer. The

Prostate Extreme team hopes to double their attendance next year."

If you were unable to attend this event, please visit www.prostateextremeteam.com to find out about two more upcoming events for this year's Tour of Hope, which includes the Motorcycle Ride of Hope and the ATV Ride of Hope.

The Prostate Extreme Team wishes to thank all the riders, volunteers, sponsors and those who pledged riders for their support of such a great cause.

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Dorset writing contest is snowballing

This year, Dorset Snowball Young Writers' Contest attracted almost twice as many entries as last year. Young writers from Dorset, Minden, Bracebridge, Huntsville, East York, Manitou Public School in Sault Ste. Marie and Dorion Public School near Thunder Bay took the risk to submit their works.

The calibre of the entries was impressive. One young author, Jacob Kriger age 11 from Huntsville, submitted the thirteenth and final chapter of his novel.

Like last year, the largest number of entries was in the youth poetry division. The youngest entrant, Jazzmine Van Veld, age 8 from Dorset, won honourable mention for her poem in the youth category, competing against poets up to age 12, as she did last year.

The Snowball writing contest is a joint project of the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Haliburton County Library Writer in Residence program of Dorset.

Thanks to the generosity of Haliburton Development Corporation, an anthology containing all the entries, was published and each of the writers who entered received copies.

A few additional copies of the Dorset Snowball Young

Writers' Collection 2006, published by Clouds' Nest Press ISBN 0-9737798-1-0, are available from the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The following are the results.

Youth Short Story

*Winner – Jacob Kriger Endless Journey Into The Black Hole (Final Chapter)

Honourable Mention – Micah Pawluk The Stone Prison

Youth Poetry

*Winner – Natasha Bergerson The Woman No One Sees

Honourable Mention – Elizabeth deRoode Sniff

Honourable Mention – Jazzmine Van Veld Flight

Runner Up – Cody Barber The Campfire

Runner Up – Chi-Nodin Stevens Bad Day

Runner Up – John Cross O Daniel

Teen Short Story

*Winner – Carly Tisdall Snow Angel

Honourable Mention – Van Bailey Skiing Danger
Honourable Mention – Jon Percival Darkness

Teen Poetry

*Winners – Tied for first place: Erin Charlton There's A Bit Of A Draft In Here and Aila Morin You And I

Honourable Mention – Jaime Payne The Exclamation Of A Beholder

Young Adult Short Story

*Winner – Brittney Rand The History Of This House

Honourable Mention – Sachi Schott The Time-Traveller

Young Adult Poetry

*Winner – Sheila Cook Radical Dreamers

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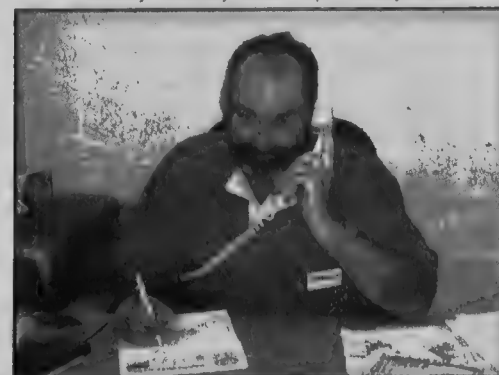
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Legion winners

The Minden Legion's youth education chair Francine Newton proudly presented four students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School with their poetry, art and essay awards from the zone finals held earlier this year. From left to right: Kaitlin Allore, the school's student council co-Prime Minister, received a first-place finish in the Intermediate Essay contest. Her essay will compete in the district finals and pending a first place finish at district, could move on to area and provincial finals. Megan McKay won second place in the Intermediate Poem category and Teghan Lynne Dodds received a second place finish in the Intermediate Black and White poster category. Absent is Becky Ridsdale who finished third in the Junior Poem category.

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A new regulation requiring smoke alarms on every storey as well as outside all sleeping areas of every home will make Ontario an even safer place to live.

"It's simple - smoke alarms save lives," says Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Monte Kwinter. "Even with the lowest fire death rate in Ontario's history in 2005, we can all do more to

protect our loved ones. "Installing smoke alarms on every storey of a home and outside all sleeping areas can ensure your family has the precious seconds needed to escape from a fire. The new regulation that takes effect March 1, will mean safer homes and safer communities."

Announced in December, the smoke alarm amendment to the Ontario Fire

Code applies to all single family, semi-detached and town homes, whether owner-occupied or rented. It was announced in conjunction with the launch of the Office of the Fire Marshal's public education campaign, Working Smoke Alarms: It's the Law!, designed to heighten awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms.

"Since 1997, the number of fire deaths has declined by 50 per cent," said Bernard Moyle, Fire Marshal for Ontario. "Although these numbers reflect a milestone in Ontario's fire history, people are still losing their lives in fires. We expect that having more smoke alarms in homes will mean earlier warning of fire, which will result in faster escape by occupants,

earlier arrival by the fire department and ultimately less risk to firefighters and the public."

Smoke alarms can be purchased for as little as \$10. Municipal fire departments across Ontario have increased their public education efforts to ensure homeowners are in compliance and will soon be enforcing the new smoke alarm requirements. For homeowners, tenants and individual landlords, non-compliance with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

For more information on smoke alarms and the new requirements, the public is encouraged to contact their local fire department.

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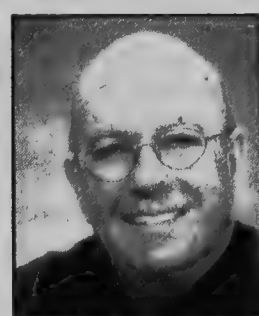
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Tony Aymong and diver Dan Stiver give Ryan Reesor a new oxygen tank, above. At right, the three of them pull one of three sleds from the bottom of 12 Mile Lake.



Tony Aymong has helped rescue a lot of submerged snowmobiles over the years. Puddle jumping is good for his business. At left, Dan Stiver pulls Ryan Reesor through the thin ice where one lake empties into another.

Photos by
Bryn Weese

Snowmobile rescue a cold art

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

While these three firefighters are in the rescue business, usually it is from fire, not water. However, for \$800, they will do their best to haul your snowmobile from the bottom of the lake.

Tony Aymong, a long-time scuba diver and volunteer firefighter with Stanhope, says that this year he and his two salvagers have already rescued 14 machines from frigid waters around the county. "Diver" Dan Stiver, a firefighter in Toronto but a year-round resident of Gull Lake, has been rescuing snowmobiles for 23 years.

"The water is usually warmer than the air," Stiver says from inside a dry-suit as a secondary diver for the day. The primary diver, Ryan Reesor who is in his second year of snowmobile rescuing, was mostly unavailable for comment. He was busy plunging beneath the icy surface 40 feet below trying to locate three snow machines that had gone through the ice earlier in the week.



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Accepting the cheque from the Kinmount Legion's McNamara and Deak (third and second from right respectively) are: left to right, Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas, board mem-

ber Dave Warren, physiotherapist Sandra Butler, Dr. Elena Mihiu (holding cheque), and board member Matt Dunn (far right). Photo, Bryn Weese.

Legion presents big cheque to medical centre

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

For the second year in a row, the Kinmount Legion is the bearer of good news and a large sum of money for the Kinmount Medical Centre.

On behalf of the Royal Canadian

Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation, to which all Canadian legion branches donate, Kinmount's John McGrath Legion Branch 441 recently donated \$6,699.96 of the charitable funds to the Kinmount Medical Centre.

Last year's funds bought two portable blood pressure monitors for the medical

centre.

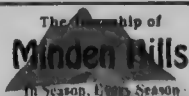
"We really appreciate your generous support both last year and this year," said Dr. Elena Mihiu who works at the medical centre.

"You guys have been extremely generous, and we couldn't provide our service without you. There is amazing support

from the community [for the medical centre]."

Legion President Joe McNamara and 1st Vice-President John Deak were present for the cheque donation.

"The work that the centre does is great," said McNamara. "We're really happy to make the donation."



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 06-16 APPLICANT – 1650258 and 1650259 Ontario Inc. (P. Wilson, Agent) RZ-05-15

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 06-16- on the 23rd day of February, 2006 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 22nd day of March, 2006, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on land, located in the geographic Township of Lutterworth, at Lots 19, 20 and 21, Concession 5, from Rural (RU) Zone to Shoreline Residential Type 1 Exception (SR1-5) Zone.

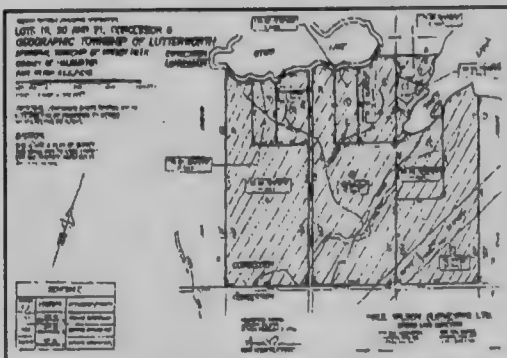
THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit the creation of four seasonal residential lots on Sam's Lake and six seasonal residential lots on Otter Lake..

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map attached.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at the municipal office located at 7 Milne Street during regular office hours.

Ms. Elnor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator
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March 2nd, 2006



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO.06-15 APPLICANT – Davis Lake West - Enders Back Property Corp. (Jim Cook, Agent) RZ-06-01

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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on land, located in the geographic Township of Lutterworth, at Part of Lot 10, Concession 3, from Rural (RU) Zone to Rural Exception (RU-10) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit only non-residential uses..

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map attached.

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March 2, 2006



Kids loved sleigh riding with Barney and Duke

Fresh snow adds to popularity of activities at Kinmount Winterfest



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury
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Saturday's snow set the stage for a great Kinmount Winterfest with good crowds on hand for the pancake breakfast right through all the events. At the fairgrounds anticipation ran high as Barney and Duke, Ralph Pearson's proud team of commercial horses (clyde and hackney cross) arrived to take eager little ones for a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Others enjoyed a variety of fun contests and skills while Ed White's beaver tails, a flat doughnut like treat, were a great hit. Everyone is already looking forward to next year.

Here at the old farmhouse exercise now fills 30 minutes of every day. While the stationary bike and knitting are compatible, providing that wool stays in its floor container and not around the pedals, finding another craft activity suitable for the treadmill still escapes my imagination. Now that the Olympics are over television watching seems hardly appropriate to a wannabe fitness buff although many smouldering scenes in *The Young & the Restless*, another daily fixture, take place in the health club. Music CDs along with a view of the bird feeder provide some degree of motivation and today's arrival of several evening grosbeaks mixing in with the dining regulars sparked interest at least on the short term. Bruce still yearns for the return of macramé along with the bracelets, belts, plant hangers, wall hangings and other knotted items which graced our homes and bodies. Can't quite picture that on a treadmill though.

Please note that here in Kinmount this year the World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday, March 3 at 2 p.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this very special and timely Service.

For some delicious pasta and good natured fun a Spaghetti Dinner & Looney Auction will be held this Saturday, March 4 at the Galway Hall in support of Minor Hockey. Doors open at 5 p.m. with supper served at 6 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10/each and children half price. For more informa-

tion call 488 - 2547.

Kinmount United Church continues to move forward in its new venture as a single pastoral charge within the Lindsay Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. This beautiful "Little White Church on the Hill" has served our community from its place atop Cluxton Street since 1867. Sunday Service begins at 9:45 a.m. with the tower bell ringing out a warm welcome to all.

During March the pulpit schedule is as follows: March 5 - Rosemary Couzens, March 12 & 26 - Reverend Desmond Howard and March 19 - Reverend Paul Irwin.

The Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee is hosting a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, March 25th at the Kinmount Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of items will be on sale, something for everyone. Tables are still available for vendors at a cost of \$20 per table. To book please call Lynn at 488 - 2919.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 21 bid euchre at Minden Legion: In first was Ken Young at 337 then our reporter Jean Scadden 273 and Thelma Francis 257. Len Kroes took the only moonshot while Kevin Maloney, Edith Burch, Marcy Morgan and Rose Isaacson held the hidden scores.

February 21 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the gents Don Hicks was high and Kevin Maloney low with Emily Harvie tops for the ladies and Gala Newell low. Lone hand honours went to Ryan McElwain and our reporter Audrey Vick won the draw prize.

February 21 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Leading the scoring at 377 was the duo of Grace Barrack and George Hamilton with second spot going to Belle Walker and Grace Berardi at 348. Marj Hamilton partnered

with Helen Skelding came third at 315 and the afternoon's low of 187 was recorded by Joan Meadows and Hazel Dorman.

February 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: Bruce Armstrong played in two Slams first with Margo Davidson and then Muriel McIntosh. The four high scores were within an 80 point range with Ev Morgan first at 6000 followed by Geoff Curtis 5980, Bruce Armstrong 5940 and Muriel McIntosh 5920. Dorothy Thayer took the lucky draw, Joan Davies the Shiny Penny and Ev Morgan received the J.B.A.W. Award agreeing she had won Just By A Whisker.

February 22 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system in first were Bruce Armstrong and Norma Crewson at 57% with Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh next at 54% and Chuck Wilson partnered with Harold Cox third at 53%.

February 22 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots landed on Marion Farr, Belle Walker, Mary Pearson, and Marj Coffey with Tom Grix taking two. Our reporter Gala Stamp was high for the pinks at 297 with Verna McDonald 264 second and Linda Lambert 257 third. Tom Grix led the whites at 303 followed by Len Kroes 271 and Stan Dutka 258.

February 22 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies high score holder was our reporter Theresa Deak with Mildred St. Thomas low. Marcy Morgan was first for the gents while Mike St. Thomas recorded the low. Harold Harvie won for lone hands and Roger Fournier took home the draw prize.

February 23 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Gala Stamp and Don Burch with Elva Paisley and Laura Carnegie holding the high scores and the lows going to Helen Skelding and Jesse Barlow. Other prizes went to Pearl Cowen, Laura Carnegie, Verna McDonald, Bob Cleverly and Elva Paisley.

February 24 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method in first with 63% were Bill Sandford and Reet Murray then at 61% Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher. Third spot was taken by Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 57%.

February 24 bid euchre at Club 35:

Pearl Cowen had the evening's only two moonshots while Verna Sawyer uncovered the hidden score. Leading the pinks at 311 was Linda Voicey with Colleen Davison 269 second and our reporter Mary Pearson third at 249. Tops for the whites was Garth Windsor with 262 followed by John Grimbergen 249 and Stan Dutka 220.

February 25 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Jean Scadden and Marcel Roussel while Maria Tschida, Verna McDonald and Pat Bailey were the draw winners. Gala Stamp's 313 was high for the pinks with Jean Scadden second at 242. For the white cards Marcel Roussel was first at 310 then Tom Grix 236.

February 27 euchre at Club 35: For lone hands it was Marion Farr while Verna Sawyer won the baloney and special prizes went home with Ivan Kernohan and Helen Windsor. Both high and low scores sets were family affairs with Marnie and Percy Butler recording the highs and Pearl Kernohan along with husband Ivan taking the lows.

February 27 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Pearl Cowen won for high hands and that it took eight cuts of the cards before Diane Peacock was finally declared winner for lone hands. Luverne Stewart was double lucky taking both low hands and the special prize.

February 27 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Filling the high slot at 263 was Emily Harvie with Mildred St. Thomas second high at 256. Roger Fournier won the draw and Marjorie Paradis had the afternoon's only moonshot.

February 27 cribbage at Minden Legion: Members of the top trio were Laura Carnegie, Syd Adamson and Verna McDonald while the other prizes were won by Don Burch, Lois Adamson and Verna McDonald.

February 27 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand honours went to Verna McDonald and Ken Rowden with Jeanne Keliele and our reporter Lorna Hicks taking the high scores and Marion Stickwood the low. Jeanne Keliele along with Pearl Cowen received special prizes and Lorne Dinesen a visit by the critter.

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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The Dorset Snowball Young Writers' and Teens' Short Story and Poetry Contest was very successful with 45 submissions from all over Ontario. Thanks to Dorset Writer in Residence Tiina Heathcock for coming up with the idea of showcasing young writers and all her hard work organizing the event. A booklet of all the submissions is available to purchase at the recreation centre or by calling Tiina at 705-766-9993. The booklet costs \$5 and proceeds go towards next year's contest.

Winners of the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival adult broomball tournament were the Rama Rookies, beating out the Dorset Hounds in a close game.

On the evening of March 9 at 7 p.m. at Knox United Church, Elizabeth and Brad Johnson will be offering a presentation on their recent trip to Iran. Everyone is invited to attend and experience a first-hand account of modern-day life in Iran from a non-military perspective.

Tai Chi takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Thank you to Robbie Drebbitt who completed his contract with the Dorset Community Access Program site at the Dorset recreation centre on February 28. Robbie assisted many members of the community with their computer questions, e-mail, word processing, surfing the net and digital photos. We'll miss you, Robbie. Good luck with your future endeavours.

The next Dorset Family Movie Night takes place at the Dorset recreation centre on Friday, March 17 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation and the popcorn is free. Hope to see you there.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 24 to March 4 go out to Mason Lonsdale, Sarah Jane Johnson, Joyce MacKay, James Radley, Ted Morris and Aubrey Keown. Happy anniversary to Gail and Ted Hope. Celebrate and have fun on your special day.

Helpful hint: candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours before burning and remember, never leave a candle burning unattended. If you are leaving the room, extinguish the candle.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Prominent reporter, editor to speak in Haliburton Highlands March 25

A prominent Canadian editor and reporter, Paul Woods of the Canadian Press news agency, will be in the Haliburton Highlands next month to talk to writers and aspiring writers about what makes a story newsworthy.

The event is being arranged by the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors' Network with the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and will take place at the

Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog on Saturday, March 25.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a full buffet breakfast. It is scheduled to finish at 1 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 for members; \$15 for non-members. They will be available from March 1 from the Storeroom in Minden and Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton.

Further information is available from Don Buxcey at 286-3012 or mag.don@sympatico.ca.



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We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

what's happening in the Highlands

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- **Mar. 3:** "World Day of Prayer" – Wilberforce United Church. Fri., March 3 at 1 p.m. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.
- **Mar. 3:** "World Day of Prayer" – Minden United Church. Fri., March 3 at 2 p.m. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome.
- **Mar. 4:** 5th annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Sat., Mar. 4. Starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Early registration can be done at the Irondale store. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Lots of prizes. More info, call Barry Simmons at 447-2380.
- **Mar. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Minden Pharmasave.
- **Mar. 6 & 7:** The Income Tax Season is again upon us and our volunteers are again ready to assist you. – Every Mon. beginning Mar. 6, Tiia Billings 447-2462 will be avail. at the Minden Legion from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Kinmount Legion from 1-3 p.m.; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Haliburton (behind the firehall in the old ambulance building) from 9:30 to 12 noon; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Marlene Watson 448-2266 will be available at the Wilberforce Legion from 1-3 p.m. You can also drop off your returns at the Minden Ontario Information Office on Hwy. 35 any day during business hours. The service is free of charge for eligible clients.
- **Mar. 7:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on Mar. 7th for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child join us for information on Home Safety – where to check for dangers within the home. Please call to register by Monday, Mar. 6th, at 286-1770.
- **Mar. 8:** Tall Oaks Christian Academy is hosting an information evening Wed., Mar. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church in Haliburton. Applications for fall 2006 are now available. Come to the information evening to learn more about this unique school community.
- **Mar. 9:** Join us at That Place in Carnarvon for lunch with Barry Grills, former chair of The Writers' Union of Canada. Barry will share his insights, views and stories about the world of writing and well known authors he has met. This lunch is featured by the Writer in Residence Programs of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton Public Library. Tickets are available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton. The Storeroom in Minden and the Agnew Jamieson Gallery. Call Tiina Heathcock for more information at (705) 766-9993.
- **Mar. 9:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Family Supper Night is taking place on Mar. 9th for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child join us for information on Home Safety – where to check for dangers within the home. Please call to register by Wednesday, Mar. 8th, at 457-2989.
- **Mar. 9:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 10:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Modern Electric.
- **Mar. 13:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Monks Funeral Home.
- **Mar. 14:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Sears.
- **Mar. 15:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Emmerson Lumber.
- **Mar. 9:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Mar. 16:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Village Chalet Restaurant.

- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night will be held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool and school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. **Next Open Mike is Friday, March 3rd.** Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton – Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. We are open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info please call 457-2989.
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Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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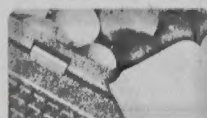
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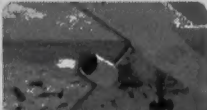
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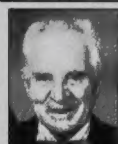
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Obituaries



PENICK, Lewis (Louie)

Passed away peacefully on February 23, 2006 at St. Joseph's Hospital (Hamilton) in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Jeanne for 66 years, father of Earl and grand-father of Kristen and Lisa, loved father-in-law of Leslie. Louie was the last charter member of Zellers Ltd., where he enjoyed working as display manager for 67 years. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Louie was an avid fisherman at Halls Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. He was also a long-time devoted member of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Visitation was at MARKEY-DEMODY FUNERAL HOME, 1774 King Street East (at Kenilworth) on Saturday February 25th, 7-9 p.m., Sunday February 26th, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held Monday, February 27th in the chapel at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations gratefully accepted for the St. Mary's Memorial Fund.



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